



**MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
January 21, 2026 - 5:00 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (7): Evett Ellis, AnnaPoorna Rajesh, Siham Amedy, Jenifer Cannon, Jennifer Aranda, Trenton Gerads, Sebastian McDougall

Present Not Voting (0):

Absent (0):

2. Land Acknowledgement

We, the Moorhead Human Rights Commission, collectively and with gratitude, acknowledge the sacred land the City of Moorhead is built upon. We acknowledge the people who have resided here for generations and recognize that the spirit of the Dakota, Ojibwe, Metis and all Indigenous Communities permeates this land. The contribution of the Indigenous people shall not be forgotten nor will the success that is achieved by the People of the land. We will continue to educate, advocate, honor and unite for Indigenous people of this land.

3. Approval of Minutes

November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A. November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Evett Ellis and seconded by Siham Amedy.

For 7: Evett Ellis, AnnaPoorna Rajesh, Siham Amedy, Jenifer Cannon, Jennifer Aranda, Trenton Gerads, Sebastian McDougall

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion

4. Guest Speaker

A. Michelle Webber - Pastor at the First Congregational United Church of Christ - 2025 HRC Award Recipient

Michelle Webber was unable to attend.

B. Kavitha Gundala - Jerimiah Program - 2025 HRC Award Recipient

Kavitha provided background on where she received her education and her past work experiences leading her to the Jerimiah Program. Kavitha provided information to the Commissioners on her work at the Jerimiah Program and the programs that they offer.

C. Anna Marie Stenson - Attorney - Immigration Law Professionals

Anna Marie Stenson, Attorney with Immigration law Professionals, provided information to the Commissioners and audience. Anna stated that all information is for educational purposes and not to provide legal advice. Information was provided on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The presentation contained a lot of information which can be viewed on the [City of Moorhead's youtube channel](#).

5. Community Partners

No community partners presented

6. Citizens To Be Heard

No citizens to be heard

7. Regular Business

8. Subcommittee Reports

A. Education and Outreach - 2026 Work Plan Draft

The Commissioners discussed taking the next few weeks to all look at work plan draft and provide any additional ideas or events to the calendar. T

9. Reports/Announcements/Upcoming Events

10. New Business

11. Adjourn